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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche October 2 to MFA Director for Asian Affairs Raul Bressani, who said the GOP was following closely the events unfolding in Burma. Bressani added that Peru's embassies in Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok were reporting regularly on the issue. (Peru has no resident representation in Burma.) Bressani said that the MFA was working closely with its missions in Geneva and New York, and supported the UK/Mexico/Guatemala/Chile initiative. Bressani said that Peru hoped for a peaceful transition to a democratic civilian government in Burma, but added that China should take an active role to ameliorate the situation.

¶2. (SBU) Bressani reported that the MFA was working on a statement on Burma to be delivered at the UN, but added that the MFA had not yet decided whether the statement would be delivered in the GA or Security Council or, indeed, if it would be delivered at all. He promised to inform poloff of the decision, which post will report via septel. Finally, Bressani undertook to pass to the MFA Directorate of Multilateral Affairs our request that they support a formal briefing to the Security Council by Special Envoy Gambari.

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